

Description of Saint Paul's Form of Government

The city charter provides for a municipal corporation governed by an elected chief executive, the mayor, and an elected legislative body, the city council. The form of government is commonly referred to as "strong mayor-council." Elections are held in November of odd-numbered years, with a four-year term for the mayor and four-year terms for councilmembers. Each of the seven councilmembers is elected from a separate ward; the seven wards are approximately equal in population.

The mayor recommends appointments for department/office directors and members of boards and commissions for council approval, and is responsible for the direction and control of departments and offices. The mayor recommends policies and budgets to the city council. The mayor exercises all powers and performs all executive duties given by the city charter, city ordinances and state laws. The mayor has the authority to veto council actions. The council can override the mayor's veto with a minimum of five votes.

The council is the legislative body, setting policies by enacting ordinances and resolutions. It can monitor and maintain liaison with community groups to assure adequate citizen participation. The council analyzes, adopts and monitors the city budget. Councilmembers prepare and promote the city's legislative program. They serve on boards and commissions of certain intergovernmental agencies.

Department and office directors listed below are those who developed the 2002 budget with Mayor Coleman. In 2001, Randy C. Kelly was elected mayor. Directors and officials, who were appointed by Mayor Kelly, and who will implement the 2002 budget, are then listed.

Elected Officials

Office	Name	Term Expires
Mayor	Norm Coleman	01-01-2002
	Randy C. Kelly	01-01-2006
Councilmembers:		
District 1	Jerry Blakey	01-01-2004
District 2	Christopher Coleman	01-01-2004
District 3	Patrick Harris	01-01-2004
District 4	Jay Benanav	01-01-2004
District 5	Jim Reiter	01-01-2004
District 6	Daniel Bostrom	01-01-2004
District 7	Kathy Lantry	01-01-2004

Appointed Officials

Department/Office	Director's Name	Term Expires
Affirmative Action	Pamela Kelly	*
Citizen Services	Fred Owusu	*
City Attorney	Clayton Robinson	*
Financial Services	Peter Hames	*
Fire and Safety Services	Tim Fuller	04-02-2003
Human Rights	Tyrone Terrill	*
Human Resources	John Hamilton	*
Labor Relations	Katherine Megarry	*
License Inspec. Env. Protection	Roger Curtis	*
Mayor's Chief of Staff	Susan Kimberly	*

Appointed Officials (Continued)

Department/Office	Director's Name	Term Expires
Parks and Recreation	Vic Wittgenstein	*
Planning and Econ. Development	Brian Sweeney	*
Police	William Finney	07-17-2004
Public Libraries	Carole Williams	Classified Service
Public Works	Tom Eggum	*
RiverCentre	Erich Mische	**
Technology and Mgmt Svcs.	Peter Hames	*
Regional Water Services	Bernie Bullert	Classified Service

New Managers Appointed by Mayor Kelly

Department/Office	Director's Name	Term Expires
Affirmative Action	Edward McDonald	*
Citizen Services	Donald Luna	*
City Attorney	Manuel Cervantes	*
Human Resources	Katherine Megarry	*
License Inspec. Env. Protection	Roger Curtis	*
Mayor's Chief of Staff	Dennis Flaherty	*
Planning and Econ. Development	Tony Schertler	*
Public Works	Bob Sandquist	*
RiverCentre	Vacant	**

* Serves at pleasure of the Mayor

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